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in Multi-Carrier Communication System)	
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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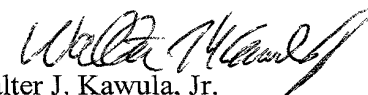
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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before "FIELD OF THE INVENTION" add -- This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/179,539, filed February 1, 2000.--.

Respectfully submitted,

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